

## **The Proverbial Man**

### **Main Text: 2 Samuel 7:12-17**

The prophet Nathan spoke to David, saying, "When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up one of your seed after you, who will come forth from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he will be a son to Me. When he commits iniquity, I will reprove him with the rod of men and the strikes from the sons of men, but My lovingkindness shall not be removed from him, as I removed it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever."

### **The Tension Builds**

Was this prophecy fulfilled in Solomon? He did build a house for God, and he was reproved for his iniquity. However, the full fulfillment of this vision came through the Godman, Jesus. Indeed, Matthew opens his Gospel with the words, "The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David..." He is making a clear connection between the promises given to David and the life and ministry of the man Jesus.

### **Jesus and His Wisdom**

Luke 2 says, "And Jesus was advancing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." Did you know Jesus grew in wisdom? Did you know He had to learn things? He is truly human, and there was a moment in His life when He heard the prophecies about the chosen One, and He realized that He was the Messiah.

### **Proof of Jesus' Commitment to Learning**

Where did Jesus' parents find Him when He had gone missing as a twelve-year-old? They found Him at school, learning and teaching.

Jesus may have had the entire Torah memorized. When He was put on the spot, he combated the devil by quoting from Deuteronomy 8 and Deuteronomy 6 twice.

"Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the LORD understand all things." -Proverbs 28:5 (NASB)

### **The Gospel**

Do you know what propitiation is? It is "to win or regain the favor of (a god, spirit, or person) by doing something that pleases them."

"For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit." -Romans 8:3-4 (NASB)

We were dead in our sins and trespasses. We did not desire to please God. And, while we were in that lifeless state, Jesus came with resolve and power, and He accomplished through His life what we could not do, being spiritually dead. And because Jesus' righteousness did surpass the Scribes and Pharisees, and because He feared God and discovered true wisdom, those who trust in Him will find salvation for their souls despite their foolish rebellion.

And what happens next is surprising and incredible. It's described in John 14. The Helper, the Holy Spirit comes, and He leads us into all truth. Not only do we know what to do, we are given power to do it.

### **A Couple of My Favorite Proverbs:**

- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Proverbs 15:16